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This response is filed in response to the office action dated 2002.09.09.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are in the case and subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants have previously elected with traverse to prosecute the claims of group I, including claims 1-12. Thus, claims 13-20 are withdrawn from consideration. The examiner further requires an election of one of seven recited species. Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute the seventh species, which is the species wherein the media temperature, media flow rate, and process energy are all controllable. Claims 1 and 9 have been identified as generic by the examiner. Applicants assert that claims 2-8 and 10-12 all read on the elected seventh species (as well as the other six species identified by the examiner), as none of these dependent claims are specific to just a single one of control of media temperature, media flow rate, or process energy.

Applicants again assert, however, that an important aspect of the invention is being overlooked, in that the invention does not rely on a single method of controlling temperature, but rather adjusts multiple components as required, at times in a hierarchical order, to control